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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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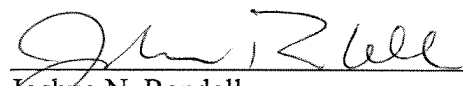
Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on October 17, 2006. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1-46) and the catheter assembly of Species I (Figures 3-5) for prosecution in the instant application. As to the sheath embodiments, Applicants contend that the sheath shown in Figure 10 should be included as either a separate sheath embodiment or be combined with the sheath embodiment of Figures 1-2. Applicants request election of the sheath embodiment of Figure 10 preferable in combination with the sheath of Figures 1-2. Applicants have identified claims 1-9, 15-18 and 21-38 as reading on the elected catheter assembly Species and the sheath embodiment of Figure 10. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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